

## SUMMIT COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

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# AMENDED AND RESTATED STANDING PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS FOR SUMMIT COUNTY, COLORADO

- 1. Purpose, Effective Area. This Amended and Restated Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of the COVID-19 virus. This Order sets forth requirements for group gatherings and additional guidance to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus. This Order is effective within the entirety of Summit County, including all towns within the County.
- 2. Effective Date and Time, Limitations. The Public Health Order will become effective at 11:59 p.m. on April 26, 2020, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, and will remain in effect until further notice.
- 3. Findings and Intent. There is clear evidence that some individuals who contract the COVID-19 virus have no symptoms or have mild symptoms which means they are likely unaware they carry the virus. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, gatherings promote transmission of COVID-19.

The Public Health Director further finds that the presence of visitors, if unregulated, will impose unnecessary burdens on health care, public services, first responders, food supplies and other essential services during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and may introduce increased illness into the community.

The intent of this Order is to minimize contact among individuals and their exposure of the public to the COVID-19 virus while lifting some of the existing restrictions.

4. Legal Authority. This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506 and 25-1-508, 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Summit County Public Health Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of the epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons of the people within the territorial limits of Summit County; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; all as the Public Health Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed

reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.

- 5. Most Restrictive Standard Controls. To the extent any State and/or Federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control. Individuals should be aware that new orders from Governor Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) are being issued on a regular basis, and all members of the public are responsible for following the Governor's orders, CDPHE orders, and local orders. The more restrictive Summit County provisions expressly provided below shall control.
- 6. Incorporation of State Orders. All Executive Orders issued by the Governor and all CDPHE Public Health Orders are hereby adopted and deemed incorporated herein. This Amended and Restated Public Health Order is intended to clarify and harmonize this Summit County Public Health Order with all of the State's orders.

# 7. Limitations on the Sale of Food and Beverages, Including Liquor, Beer and Wine, to Carry-Out and Delivery Only.

- a. In accordance with existing State of Colorado Executive and Public Health Orders, the sale of food and beverages in Summit County, including liquor, beer and wine is limited to carry-out and delivery only, subject to all other applicable licensing and regulatory requirements.
- b. For clarification, the on-site consumption of food or beverages is not prohibited at a business or institutional facility where such food or beverages is prepared for workers of the facility so long as such food or beverage is consumed at a location reasonably distant from the point of sale and all applicable social distancing measures are followed.

# 8. Limitations on Establishments Providing Retail Goods and Services.

- a. In order to discourage public gatherings and overcrowding, establishments meeting the definition of grocery, pharmacy, pet food store, or hardware store may sell only those items included in those categories; i.e., stores shall cordon off and not allow sales of items other than pharmaceuticals, groceries including essential goods and services such as cleaning products, pet food and supplies, or hardware. This provision 8(a) shall expire on April 26, 11:59 p.m.
- b. Effective April 27, 2020, pursuant to the Governor's Order and CDPHE Orders, all establishments providing Non-Critical Retail (as defined by the State) may sell goods through delivery service, window service, walk-up service, drive-through service, drive-up service or curbside delivery.

9. Personal Services. Effective May 1, 2020, pursuant to the Governor's Order and CDPHE Orders, Personal Services (as defined by the State) shall, prior to performing services, fill out the online Summit County Public Health Social Distancing Protocol form. The completed form must be posted at or near the entrance of the Personal Services establishment and shall be easily viewable by employees, customers and others on site. Personal Service providers must comply with all applicable DORA and State rules, regulations and guidance.

# 10. Limitations on Transportation Services.

- a. For purposes of this Order, "transportation services" shall include all transportation services open to the public including the Summit Stage, Breckenridge Free Ride, mountain shuttle services to the extent they operate in the County (e.g. Colorado Mountain Express, Peak 1 Express), and ride-sharing services (e.g. Uber, Lyft). Transportation services does not include ambulances, paratransit services (e.g., Mountain Mobility), or the scheduled transport of convalescent patients and individuals with disabilities.
- b. Effective April 27, 2020 the Summit Stage may resume service with buses limited to fewer than 10 passengers. The Summit County Transit Department may also maintain paratransit services.
- c. All transportation services riders and operators must wear face coverings at all times and maintain appropriate social distancing to the greatest extent possible.
- d. All other transportation services including but not limited to bus services, taxis, ride-sharing services such as Uber and Lyft, and shuttle services are prohibited from operating except as necessary for good cause in order to provide transportation for those needing to leave Summit County and residents returning home to Summit County.

## 11. Limitations on Short-Term Lodging.

- a. For purposes of this Order, "short-term lodging" shall include but is not limited to campgrounds (whether private or government operated), reserved camping sites, hotels, motels, short term rentals of 30 days or less (e.g., Airbnb, VRBO, timeshares, RV parks, bed and breakfasts, condo-tels, lodges and retreats).
- b. All short term lodging operations are prohibited from operating from the date of this Order until May 31, 2020. Short term lodging operators must block out their online reservation calendars on all relevant platforms through May 31, 2020 in order to avoid taking reservations for stays that would occur during the prohibited time period.
  - c. All short term lodging units must be vacated through May 31, 2020.
- d. Exception: If a short-term lodging unit is occupied by a local worker, that worker may remain in the unit.

- e. Exception: If individual(s) are experiencing symptoms of illness, or are under a quarantine or isolation order from Summit County Public Health, or have other good cause to do so they may remain in any short term lodging unit occupied by such individual(s) and shall be exempt from the limitations set forth herein so long as such individual(s) remain in the unit.
- 12. Childcare Requirements for Children of Local Workforce. Effective May 11, 2020, Childcare facilities may provide services for children of those parents or guardians allowed to work pursuant to the applicable state and local public health orders. To the extent possible, and in accordance with existing law, childcare facilities must operate under all guidance and recommendations from CDPHE regarding best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- 13. Construction Site Health Protection. All construction activities must adhere to the Summit County Building Department COVID-19 Policies and Procedures or the equivalent document within the specific jurisdiction in which construction is being performed.
- 14. General Information for all Persons. The Public Health Director strongly recommends that residents and visitors cancel or avoid all non-essential events, regardless of size, where appropriate social distancing and preventative measures may not occur.

Individuals must wear non-medical cloth face coverings over both mouth and nose whenever indoors in public spaces, and outdoors whenever 6 ft. of separation cannot be maintained.

All ski areas in Summit County will remain closed in order to discourage residents of other counties and states from visiting Summit County.

In accordance with applicable prohibitions and recommendations from the State of Colorado, and in an effort to further prevent the spread of COVID-19 and overwhelm the resources in Summit County, second homeowners are strongly encouraged to avoid visiting their second home unless required for Necessary Activities or Necessary Travel as defined by the State of Colorado.

In accordance with Governor Polis' Executive Order D 2020 007, as amended, all public and private elementary and secondary schools, including public preschools on public school campuses shall remained closed through the end of the 2019-2020 regular school year.

These actions are some of the most available and effective tools to help slow the spread of the virus in our community – and, importantly, to reduce the number of potential deaths caused by COVID-19. By slowing the spread, we have a chance to protect our family, friends, and neighbors who are at risk for severe illness. In particular, this includes all adults over age 65 and anyone with an underlying health condition.

These actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services due to high absenteeism if large numbers of workers become ill. This Order and actions will help hospitals, first responders, and other health care services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with

utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community. The more united we can be in preventing the spread the greater the benefit for the whole community.

15. Penalties. Failure to comply with this Order is subject to the penalties contained in Section 25-1-516 and 18-1.3-501, Colorado Revised Statutes, including a fine of up to five thousand (\$5,000) dollars and imprisonment in the county jail for up to eighteen (18) months.

By:

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